

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
JUNE 17, 2019, 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Kevin White, Councilmembers Novada Bigham, Sue Jones, Jayne Lankford, Mitchell Tuck, Greg Hollen and Polly Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT Mercy Rushing, Cindy Karch, Lynn Kitchens and Doris Newman

OTHERS PRESENT Hank Murphy, Wood County Monitor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and confirmed a quorum of the council was present.

CITIZEN COMMENT - None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Discuss budget items for FY 2019-2020

Mayor White, Mercy Rushing and Cindy Karch presented the Preliminary Tax Appraisal values, which are up 8% over last years certified appraisal values. Sales tax numbers continue to maintain a 7.7% increase over last year. Council Member Hollen presented items for consideration in the next budget which included considering a county-wide animal shelter at the Nature Preserve, liquor sales and store in Mineola, welcome signage, an Economic Development Summit hosted by MEDC and to implement the NET Healthy Living Program. No other councilmembers submitted specific requests.

2. Discuss City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics

Mayor White had tasked city staff with research and development of policies and procedures for council. City Secretary Cindy Karch researched multiple policies with TML and other cities across Texas and presented a policy that has been reviewed and approved by the Mayor and City Manager. Discussion was held on the policy and the mayor asked that the council review the policy, suggest changes and bring those suggestions back to the July meeting. The policy will be discussed at the July meeting and likely voted on in the August meeting.

3. Discuss annexation of properties outside of city limits.

Mrs. Rushing presented the council with a list of properties that need to be annexed into the city limits. Seven of these lots are land-locked within the boundaries of the city and currently have city water and/or city sewer. The other properties are located on Loop 564 and have or can have city utilities. This is a clean-up of the boundaries around the loop.

4. Discuss city board's bylaws and ordinance, findings and recommendations.

Lynn Kitchens and Doris Newman presented their findings of their review of the city ordinance on boards compared to the bylaws of each board. There are multiple occurrences of inconsistencies where the bylaws are in conflict with the ordinance, and where practices of the boards do not follow either. They presented their recommendations on how to remedy these findings. Mayor White asked the council to review the ordinance and bylaws, and to think about what direction they want each board to go, and bring their recommendations back to the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting.

Kevin White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary